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Attorney's Docket No. DX01042X (033347-009)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **Mail Stop: AF**
Oppmann et al.) **Group Art Unit: 1644**
Application No.: 09/658,699 /) **Examiner: Decloux, Amy M.**
Filed: September 8, 2000) **Confirmation No.: 3652**
For: MAMMALIAN GENES; RELATED REAGENTS)
AND METHODS)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

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- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

| AMENDED CLAIMS | | | | | |
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| | No. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | ADD'T'L FEE |
| Total Claims | | MINUS = | | × \$18.00 (1202) = | |
| Independent Claims | | MINUS = | | × \$84.00 (1201) = | |
| If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203) | | | | | |
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| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | |

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply to Office Action is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed May 19, 2003 ("the Office Action"), for the above-referenced application. The Examiner set a three (3) month period for response. This response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action, and before its current due date of August 19, 2003.

Insofar as the amendments are made solely to place the claims in better form for appeal and/or allowance, Applicants submit that their entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.